

**COMMUNICATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 1997
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS: Chairman Ron Moore, Elizabeth Hudson, Jim Nelson, Steve Dooley, Galen Kiser, Wayne Bates, Bob Ball, Wendy Heck, Captain Richard Yetter, David Couch, Larry Fowler, David Ballard and Doyle Friskney.

GUESTS: Dave King, Fred Kolloff, Mike Clark, L.D. Montgomery, Eugene Wallis, Larry Buell, Ken Hayden, Michael Polly, Marshall Bowden, Herman Thomas, Mike Hayden, Jay Vetter, John O'Bryan, Doug Dowdy, Bob Huffman, Mike Dunn, Karl Rothrock, Charlene Davis and Charles Robb and Nofflet Williams.

STAFF: Doug Robinson and Jessamine Saufley.

Chairman Ron Moore called the meeting to order by welcoming members and guests. Chairman Moore recognized Elizabeth Hudson, a representative of local government and Wendy Heck, a citizen representative as new members appointed by Governor Paul Patton to serve on the Communications Advisory Council.

The minutes of the December 10, 1996 Joint KIRM meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes of the January 17th CAC meeting were approved as amended to reflect a change in the number of satellite sites remaining to be converted at Kentucky Educational Television (KET) per Bob Ball.

Chairman Moore requested modifications to agenda order. Chairman Moore asked Doug Robinson, Executive Director of KIRM to present an EMPOWER Kentucky initiative update and a KIRM office update. Doug reported that recommendations, as approved by the Redesign Steering Committee and the EMPOWER Leadership Team, were announced on January 15th. He stated that six major tasks were approved concerning technology, and that the organizational redesign model has been delayed. Doug added a new IT team, under the direction of Alan Hartwig, consultant from Deloitte and Touche, is drafting a statewide strategic directions document, which will assist agencies in the development of their 1998-2000 Information Resources Plan (IRP). A draft of the interim document will be completed by March 15th and presented to the KIRM Commission for their review. He added that the final document will be completed by June 30, to be approved by the KIRM Commission. Doug stated that the members of the team included himself, Jim Nelson, Department for Libraries and Archives; Steve Dooley of the Department of Information Services; Jim Ramsey, Transportation Cabinet; Nancy Ward, Revenue Cabinet; John Penfield, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet; and Rodney Murphy, Cabinet for Families and Children.

Chairman Moore called for committee/work group updates.

Bob Ball reporting for Wireless Work Group asked Dave Ballard to assist with the update. Dave reported that a business plan concerning the 800 MHz has been given to Secretary John McCarty of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to review the funding. Dave added that the 800 MHz was included as part of the six year Capital plan.

Dave King reported for the Video Communication Work Group. Dave directed members to a report in their folder which provided an update of the committee's recent activities.

Mike Clark reporting for the Kentucky TeleLinking Network (KTLN) reported that infrastructure continues to be an issue. Mike gave the members a brief overview of KTLN and KET's role. Mike stated that redesign is an issue in which he has asked the Technical committee along with Dave Ballard, as chair to address the phasing approach and make more operational. ATM is viewed as a long term solution and the switching station will redirect K-12 from the universities and route via Frankfort. Mike stated the 120 plus sites need to be more flexible and usable as possible but also preserve the partnership's relationships. Mike explained that KTLN is in the process of applying for a second Star School's grant estimated at two million per year for five years. Mike is reconvening the scheduling committee of which Mike will chair. One main focus of this group will be equity of access. Chairman Moore asked members for questions.

Bob Ball reported on the progress to date with the digital satellite conversion at KET. Bob reported that the majority of sites have been converted. Some sites did not get downloaded with the upgraded IRD software. The grant has been submitted and is in process with a fifty percent match with uplinks less than \$250,000. The deadline for the infrastructure grants is March 29th. The grant participants are University of Louisville, Murray State University, Morehead State University, Western Kentucky University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Chairman Moore updated the members in regard to the ATM work group. Chairman Moore said that the Kentucky Information Highway backbone is moving to ATM speeds. The group is trying to obtain suitable pricing for ATM from the consortium of vendors working with the Kentucky Information Highway. Chairman Moore recommended a work group be established to set up standards and recommendations for the future use of ATM. The group will develop a "white paper" from their findings to present to the CAC.

Chairman Moore announced the next Communications Advisory Council meeting will be held on Friday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Board room at the Department for Libraries and Archives at 300 Coffee Tree Road in Frankfort.

The CAC meeting convened onto a presentation by OARnet and Internet 2 conducted by the vendor's representative, Larry Buell. Chairman Moore introduced Mr. Buell who presented a forty-five minute presentation and question/answer session. Chairman Moore thanked Mr. Buell and fellow representatives from OARnet for their presentation.

The Communications Advisory Council meeting reconvened for a discussion of new business. Chairman Moore and Doug Robinson announced that the submission date for the Information Resource Plans will be moved to May 15th as approved by the Kentucky Information Resources

Management Commission during the February 18th meeting. The members discussed the current IRP process and comments concerning the IRP process for universities. Doug asked members to review a handout regarding the status of the 1996 KIRM Research and Development grant awards.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.